



RCE 2800

**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/661,035
Filing Date	September 13, 2000
First Named Inventor	Tomohide TERASHIMA
Group Art Unit	2811
Examiner Name	Steven Ho Yin Loke
Attorney Docket Number	49657-801

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - iii. Other
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other (Preliminary Amendment)

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

- b. Other

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 500417.
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) \$750.00
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) 09/03/2003 KZEWIDIE 00000067 500417 09661035
 - iii. Other 01 FC:1801 750.00 DA
- b. Check in the amount of \$____ enclosed
- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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In re Application of

Tomohide TERASHIMA

Serial No.: 09/661,035

Filed: September 13, 2000

: Customer No: 20277

: Confirmation No: 8222

: Group Art Unit: 2811

: Examiner: Steven Ho Yin Loke

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE WITH REGION THAT CHANGES DEPTH
ACROSS THE DIRECTION OF CURRENT FLOW

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks have been filed concurrently with the
filing of a Request for Continued Examination, and submitted in response to the final
Office Action dated May 30, 2003.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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